

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. A repeater device configured to repeat source synchronous data, said device comprising:
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a first interface configured to receive source synchronous data comprising a first data signal and corresponding first clock signal;
a second interface configured to transmit source synchronous data; and
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circuitry coupled to said first interface, wherein said circuitry is configured to:
utilize a reference clock signal and said first clock signal to generate a second clock signal;
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utilize said second clock signal to latch said first data;
generate a third clock signal; and
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utilize said third clock signal to transmit said latched first data and a corresponding clock signal via said second interface in a source synchronous manner.
2. The device of claim 1, wherein said circuitry is configured to generate said
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third clock signal in phase with said first clock signal.
3. The device of claim 2, wherein said circuitry comprises a first circuit configured to:
receive said first clock signal;

receive said reference clock signal; and
generate said second clock signal to be approximately ninety degrees out of phase
with said first clock signal.

5 4. The device of claim 3, wherein the first circuit is selected from the group
consisting of: a delay locked loop, and a phase locked loop.

5. The device of claim 3, wherein said first circuit is further configured to:

10 generate a fourth clock signal approximately ninety degrees out of phase with said
first clock signal; and
shift the phase of said generated second clock signal a first number of degrees to
be approximately ninety degrees out of phase with said first data signal.

15 6. The device of claim 5, further comprising a second circuit configured to:
receive said reference clock signal;
receive said fourth clock signal; and
generate a fifth clock signal to be approximately in phase with said fourth clock
signal.

20 7. The device of claim 6, wherein said circuitry is configured to utilize said fifth
clock signal to select for transmission in a synchronous manner a data signal
and a clock signal corresponding to said first data signal and the first clock
signal.

25 8. The device of claim 7, wherein said second circuit is selected from the group
consisting of: a delay locked loop, and a phase locked loop.

9. The device of claim 5, wherein the first circuit is trainable to determine said first number of degrees.
- 5 10. A method for repeating source synchronous data, said method comprising:
receiving a first source synchronous data signal;
receiving a first clock signal corresponding to said data signal;
utilizing a reference clock signal and said first clock signal to generate a second
clock signal;
10 utilizing said second clock signal to latch said data corresponding to said first data
signal;
generating a third clock signal; and
utilizing said third clock signal to transmit said latched data and a corresponding
clock signal in a source synchronous manner.
- 15 11. The method of claim 10, wherein said third clock signal is generated in phase
with said first clock signal;
- 20 12. The method of claim 11, further comprising generating said second clock
signal to be approximately ninety degrees out of phase with said first clock
signal.
- 25 13. The method of claim 12, wherein said second clock signal is generated by a
first circuit selected from the group consisting of: a delay locked loop, and a
phase locked loop.
14. The method of claim 12, further comprising:
generating a fourth clock signal approximately ninety degrees out of phase with
said first clock signal; and

shifting the phase of said generated second clock signal a first number of degrees to be approximately ninety degrees out of phase with said first data signal.

15. The method of claim 14, further comprising:

5 receiving said reference clock signal in a second circuit;
receiving said fourth clock signal in the second circuit; and
generating a fifth clock signal to be approximately in phase with said fourth clock signal.

10 16. The method of claim 15, utilizing said fifth clock signal to select for transmission in a synchronous manner a data signal and a clock signal corresponding to said first data signal and the first clock signal.

15 17. The method of claim 15, wherein said second circuit is selected from the group consisting of: a delay locked loop, and a phase locked loop.

18. The method of claim 14, further comprising training a first circuit which generates said second clock signal to determine said first number of degrees.

20 19. A source synchronous system comprising:

a source device configured to convey source synchronous data comprising a first data and corresponding first clock signal;

25 a repeater device coupled to said source device, wherein said repeater device comprises:

a first interface configured to receive said source synchronous data;
a second interface configured to transmit source synchronous data; and

circuitry coupled to said first interface, wherein said circuitry is configured to:

utilize a reference clock signal and said first clock signal to
generate a second clock signal;

5 utilize said second clock signal to latch said first data;

generate a third clock signal; and

utilize said third clock signal to transmit said latched first data and
a corresponding clock signal via said second interface in a
source synchronous manner; and

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a destination device coupled to said repeater device, wherein said destination
device is configured to receive source synchronous data from said repeater
device.

15 20. The system of claim 19, wherein said circuitry is configured to generate said
third clock signal in phase with said first clock signal.

21. The system of claim 20, wherein said circuitry comprises a first circuit
configured to:

20 receive said first clock signal;

receive said reference clock signal; and

generate said second clock signal to be approximately ninety degrees out of phase
with said first clock signal.

25 22. The system of claim 21, wherein said first circuit is further configured to:

generate a fourth clock signal approximately ninety degrees out of phase with said
first clock signal; and

shift the phase of said generated second clock signal a first number of degrees to
be approximately ninety degrees out of phase with said first data signal.

23. The system of claim 22, further comprising a second circuit configured to:
- 5 receive said reference clock signal;
receive said fourth clock signal; and
generate a fifth clock signal to be approximately in phase with said fourth clock
signal; and
wherein said circuitry is configured to utilize said fifth clock signal to select for
10 transmission in a synchronous manner a data signal and a clock signal
corresponding to said first data signal and the first clock signal.